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HAMFESTS AROUND THE WORLD

By Fred Laun, HK3NN/K3ZO
Bogotá, Colombia

Now that the hamfest season is just about upon us once again it might be interesting to see how hams in other countries celebrate their get-togethers.

Here in Colombia, the Bogotá group generally gets together once or twice per year at a local airport where HK3EN has his flying school. Along with the beer, soft drinks, auction of used gear, and grand prize drawings, there is music for dancing, and, given the type of QTH where the hamfest is held, a parachute jumping exhibition as well.

Those who want to take a breather from the festivities can always wander over the rest of the field and look at the many types of aircraft parked at Colombia's largest general aviation field.

This three-day weekend consists of working sessions during the days, usually taking place in the halls of universities, and gala dinner-dances at night, with the local alcoholic beverage, "aguardiente" liberally passed around and consumed.

Many are the hams who have a little trouble concentrating on business matters after a couple of all night parties, but somehow the program for the coming year always seems to get squared away. The final day there is an outdoor picnic with plenty of good steak on the grill.

In Thailand the Radio Amateur

Society of Thailand meets the first Sunday noon each month in a first class Bangkok hotel, where a buffet of typical Thai food is available with liberal quantities of beer to wash it down

The business meeting is conducted by the officers while the members eat and listen. XYL's are cordially invited to all the meetings so a meeting can have as many as 300 to 400 in attendance.

Once a year the meeting is held at the city of Patthaya which is a seaside resort, and members usually go down on Friday nights to take in a little sun and sand while they wait for the Sunday meeting to begin.

Argentina, which has 25,000 hams, is dotted with local radio clubs in a fashion similar to the U.S. Each radio club has its yearly banquet to which hams who wish to come from anywhere else are definitely welcome.

The biggest yearly event is the annual luncheon of the Rosario Radio Club, where steaks are served on an "all you can eat for free" basis with plenty of the fine Argentine wines to go along with them. There are presentations of distinguished hams in the audience, prize drawings, and tours of the city conducted by local hams for the out-of-towners.

Another event worth attending is the annual dinner of the Radio Club Argentino in Buenos Aires. Awards are handed out to contest winners, the "Ham of the year," and other hams who have distinguished themselves by their activities, while the audience puts away great volumes of steak and wine. Argentina is the place where I began to put on a

bulge around the middle, which was later increased in Bangkok by great quantities of Thai beer.

One interesting feature of ham radio in Argentina is that, if your club can find and buy the land, the Ministry of Public Welfare will build your clubhouse for you with taxpayer funds. Yes since the Ministry is responsible for disaster relief and for coordination with the Red Cross, and since Argentina is earthquake country, the government finds it useful to have a well-staffed, well-appointed emergency communications center in every fair-sized town, and what better group to run such a place than the hams?

These are real luxury clubhouses, with baths, beds, beautiful operating rooms, antenna farms -- the works. During non-emergency times, they are beautiful places from which to operate contests. And, of course, they are well-equipped with emergency generators.

About two of these clubhouses are inaugurated per year in Argentina, and the inaugurations become events which hams from all over the country attend. As always the steaks and wine are never-ending.

I went to one in Catamarca province while I was there and there were hams from Paraguay as well as about 15 provinces of Argentina. Hams completely took over the only two hotels in town.

One of the events the local club put on was a hidden transmitter hunt -- on 1200 KHz! Yes, the rules in Argentina allow any recognized ham group to use any frequency in the spectrum for temporary experimental

purposes. All they have to do is notify the Ministry of Communications by telegram that they are doing so; they don't even have to wait for permission.

One club I belonged to was trying to convince the Mayor of the city that ham radio deserved a clubroom in the city hall, so they televised his inauguration on channel 3 (which was unoccupied in that part of the country) so that his invalid mother could see it. Guess what? The club got their city-hall clubroom and permission to put a beam on the roof.

In the Dominican Republic the Radio Club Dominicano has a club house built with donations from various companies, particularly the rum and cigarette factories there.

It is a beautiful place near the sea shore and every two months or so, gala Sunday lunches are held. Plenty of rum is there to keep a speaker from getting too dry as he makes a typical stem-winding Dominican-type speech.

The RCD as well as the rival Union Dominicana de Radioaficionados also have a joint program to hold hamfests in different parts of the country to promote ham radio. The mayor and the police chief are invited to attend and would-be hams are introduced to the amateur radio service. Well-fortified by the local rum, they are invited to make a QSO on two meters and are "hooked."

There are high mountains about 30 miles west of Santo Domingo on which several repeaters are located, each with stacked 11-element vertical beams beamed right at the city, so that they cover it like a blanket. These beams are also lined up with Puerto Rico and regular two-meter communications take place between these two islands.

These repeaters are just about hurricane-proof in an area where such storms are frequent. That reminds me of the time when I

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went on a trip as a Civil Defense operator to an area which had just been hit by a devastating hurricane, and ended up as "acting mayor" of the town, but that's another story.

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A WORD FROM ONE OF OUR SUPPLIERS
From MARAC (via ARNS)

Dear Mr. DeForrest:

Please accept my sincerest apologies. I cannot understand how the piece of window screen that you described got into the last diode that I sent you. I am sending a replacement immediately and hope that you will destroy the defective tube. If word of such sloppy workmanship got out, it could be very hard on the reputation of my company.

Sincerely, T. A. Edison

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Yellow Thunder ARC News Notes..

de jim romelfanger, k9zz

The March meeting of YTARC was held the 16th in room 34 of the Baraboo Civic Center. In attendance were the following faithful:

Jim Romelfanger, K9ZZ, Baraboo
 Bob King, KA9BNY, Baraboo
 Jim Decker, WB9UQT, Baraboo
 Ken Ebnetter, K9EN, Portage
 Harry Mayland, K9FFT, Baraboo
 Clyde-poo Downing, W9HSY,
 Mad City
 Elwyn Harris, W9YPP
 Prairie du Sac

No quorum. A fine gab session was held, and it covered many topics. We all enjoyed it, continuing at Henderson's Restaurant.

! Jim Decker, WB9UQT, advised !
 ! us that the March of Dimes !
 ! Walkathon will be held on !
 ! April 23 (a Saturday), and !
 ! they have asked for YTARC !
 ! communications help. If you !
 ! can help during this most !
 ! worthwhile event, please !
 ! contact WB9UQT or K9ZZ. !
 ! Your help will be most !
 ! appreciated. !

The next meeting of the Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club will be held Thursday, April 14 in Room 34 of the Baraboo Civic Center.

Sentence Sermon:

Men are all groping for eternity. Every effort to prove there is no God is in itself an effort to reach for God.

--Charles Edward Locke

April Birthdaze:

Happy April ones to these:

April 2 - Cedric Cady, WA4VXK
 Olympia WA
 April 12 - Lee Sorensen, W9ULK
 Oxford
 April 21 - Bob Roddy, N9BMI
 Montello
 April 23 - Bennie Ranum, WB9QOG
 Arena
 Many more, youse guys! k9zz

The Wisconsin QSO Party, under auspices of the West Allis Radio Amateur Club, brought a few YTARCers out...your editor worked about 6 hours of the 7 total hours and has a raw score of about 25,000. Ken Johnson, K9DZG, operated from quite a few counties in his mobile, and seemed to be doing brisk business...Dixie, WD9ITF, Ken's YF also was along for the ride and a few QSOs.

The YTARC aggregate score won't break any records, but at least a few of us were in there. I'm getting QSL cards already for a new county. A note to all: be sure you list your club affiliation on your score sheet!

If you were in the party, you probably had fun! If not, why not plan to enter in '84? You will like it...run up a score in '84!

Field Day is the last full weekend in June, but all YTARC plans are on ice since there isn't much interest in the club at this time. Most likely those of us who want to go out will go with other clubs and help their scores a little. k9zz

Area Nooze: VIC-20 fever has really invaded this area; gawsh, even W9KKM got a VIC, and Don, KA9JGI, Portage, retired his

Sinclair in favor of a VIC.

YTARC AREC net meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. NCS for April are: Apr. 4, N9BXY, Apr. 11, W9KKM, Apr. 18, K9ZZ & Apr. 25, KA9GNY

Area Swapfest Circuit:

Sunday April 10:

The **BIGGIE MARA** Swapfest, in the Forum Building near the coliseum in Madison. Easy to find, BIG crowd! Watch for flyers.

Saturday, May 8: Ozaukee RC Cedarburg, Int. of hwy. 60 and County I. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday May 8: 3-F ARC Swapfest, Neenah Labor Temple, 157 So. Green Bay Rd., Neenah. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday June 5: Central Wisconsin Radio Amateurs Swapfest, Bukholt Park, Stevens Point. Lots of prizes.

Sunday June 5: Starved Rock Radio Club Swapfest, Princeton, Illinois. A big one, held at fairgrounds in Princeton IL.

Saturday July 6: South Milwaukee Swapfest in Oak Creek. HAPPY HOUR!!!! Take a pix of Marty, W9IZD, leaving a portapottie. (Yes, I did...!) it looked so natural...

And so it goes... k9zz

THE BADGER AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY TODAY

by Steve Dubberstein, WB9YPE
President Badger ARS

Over 25 years have passed since the second coming of W9YT. Hundreds of student Hams have operated the station in this time, W9YT providing a welcome relief from the everyday chores of college life.

W9YT is located in room B314 in

the basement of the UW Engineering building. The station consists of a Kenwood TS830S and a tough homebrew kilowatt feeding monobanders on 20, 15, and 10; with directional dipoles on 30, 40, 80, and 160 meters. The station is also active on 2 and 6 meters, and just last semester finished up WAS on 6.

W9YT was probably best known nationwide in the late 60's and early 70's when a Drake B line was combined with the antennas and Kilowatt to make it one of the finest club stations in the country. With the help of some very ambitious and gifted operators, W9YT has placed as high as 1st in the nation in CW SS, 2nd in phone SS, and 6th in CQWW DX multi-multi competition. The club has also made BPL several times, and is still active today on the traffic nets.

The Badger Amateur Radio Society today consists of about 30 student members. Daily activity includes skeds, casual operating, and traffic handling. W9YT can be heard in most major contests and field day. One of the more popular activities is an occasional on-foot transmitter hunt, with fox hiding some where in the campus area.

Although the University provides a small room for a shack and a room for antennas, B.A.R.S. receives no funding and is thus supported mainly by student members dues. The station is plagued by RFI problems, and must maintain a low profile in order not to become extinct (as has recently happened to W9YH at the U. of Illinois). We invite alumni and non-alumni alike to drop in for an eyeball anytime, or just give us a shout on your way through Madison on W9YT/R (146.685 in, 146.085 out). W9YT is still today regarded as one of the finest college clubs in America, and hopes to be able to provide an outlet for all future hams that attend the UW. -30-

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Section Manager
 Roy Pedersen, K9FHI
 Juneau, Wisconsin

From the STM:
 Gene Santoski, K9UTQ
 Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

I regret to report W9YKE, W9PN, WD9ESP, W9MAQ, WA0FIN and W9NZQ are Silent Keys. Also condolences to W9IZG on the loss of his wife Freida.

The Wisconsin nets are doing real good, although the band has not been cooperating. KC9CJ is the new manager for the WSSN.

The SEC (Gary Maples, W9OAK) has charge of those stations who hold EC, DEC, or OEC appointments in the section.

The STM (Gene Santoski, K9UTQ) has charge of those stations who hold ORS or NM appointments.

The Bulletin Manager (KA9CPA) has charge of those stations who hold OBS appointments.

The Official Observer/RFI Co-ordinator has charge of those stations who hold OO appointments.

You are to contact them when your certificates come up for renewal.

I am still looking for someone to take the position of Technical Coordinator.

In the case of all Wisconsin Net Certificates and endorsements, send your requests to me.

Does your county have an EC? If you feel you can qualify, contact W9OAK or myself.

I hope all will have a good summer. Listen to 3985 for bulletins, campouts, swapfests, meetings etc.

73 de Roy Pedersen, K9FHI

Our thoughts once again turn toward the outside with the warm balmy weather that we have been experiencing in recent days in the Badger State. And, once again, static levels are on the rise and will begin to plague our nets during the summer months.

High static levels make it all the more necessary for the NCS of a phone net to "crank up the wick" at all times so that he can be heard by all on the net. I feel strongly that all NCS on our phone nets should have the capability of running high power when the need arises. It also helps to keep the frequency clear of other QRM. We have a few NCS on our phone nets that have rather weak signals and are often very difficult to hear below the noise and static.

I suggest that in the future, when Net Managers select NCS stations, that they choose those who have capability of running high power when necessary. This prevents having to relay the NCS instructions to other stations because he can't be heard.

There has been a recent "shakeup" on the WBSN. A statement was made that all Minnesota traffic should go to a certain station. I don't know on what basis that decision was made but it is totally wrong!

ROUTINE traffic should be routed thru normal NTS channels. Otherwise higher level NTS nets will be "starved" of traffic that makes them thrive and a breakdown in the system results. For example, sending ROUTINE

traffic directly to Minnesota from Wisconsin or vice-versa, directly affects three higher level nets - 9RN, CAN and TEN in that order.

This simply cannot be allowed to happen and I will do everything in my power to see that it doesn't! The ONLY exceptions to normal routing of traffic would be messages of a PRIORITY or EMERGENCY nature.

It states very plainly on page 20 of the ARRL Public Service Communications Manual "It is in the interest of efficiency, organization, system, training and conservation of skilled personnel to use the NTS structure as it is intended to be used." It also states: "deviations are made from normal routings ONLY when normal channels are for some reason not available.

A return to the use of normal NTS channels should be made as soon as possible. The net manager shall be the judge as to whether normal facilities are available, satisfactory, or adequate in making any deviations."

I hereby recommend that all Net Managers direct their Net Controls to follow normal NTS routing in disseminating thru traffic of a routine nature. It is my belief that if a message has so much importance that it has to be delivered by a quicker than normal routing, then it darned well better have a higher precedence assigned to it by the originating station.

The statement made that there are no longer any delegates of the WSBN to the WNA Ltd. was absurd and without reason. As far as I am concerned, the WSBN delegates stand as they were.

As of April 1, 1983, Ray Sunderland, K9ANV, will assume the duties of Net Manager of the Wisconsin SSB Net. I hope that

all concerned will give Ray their fullest support. I think Ray has all the necessary background and net savvy to be a good NM. I extend my personal congratulations to Ray and am confident that the WSBN will continue to be one of the best nets around under his reign. GOOD LUCK RAY!

The training sessions on 2 meters are going quite well. There were occasions when I was not able to hold a session here or there but I try to maintain the schedule as closely as possible. The sessions are held on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 9 PM on 82/88 and 9:15 on 22/82. If for some reason, only one session is held on a given week, I repeat the subject matter for all sessions of the following week.

I do hope that many are listening and benefiting from these sessions and that some new people are getting interested in traffic handling as a result. It's good review for those of us how have been at it a while.

Also, beginning in March, I will hold MONTHLY HF training sessions on the second Saturday of each month on 3985 kHz immediately following the Badger Emergency Net around 12:30. BE THERE!!

I deeply regret that recent problems mentioned above occurred. But at the same time, it is my duty as STM to try to keep our nets coherent and in good health. It is not good for a newcomer to the traffic handling to read something in the books and find something else happening on the nets. It creates confusion and disinterest in the whole thing and we certainly don't want that.

As always, if you have any questions, gripes, complaints or whatever regarding traffic handling and the Wisconsin nets,

please do not hesitate to get me off net frequency or drop me a line and let me know about it. THANK YOU!

73 For now,
Gene Santoski, K9UTQ
WISCONSIN STM - ARRL

From WIN E-NM

3662 KHz., 1900 local time

Les Peterson, W9YCV

Greenfield, Wis.

A big welcome to the following new net members: K9SAO, Bob, down in Zenda and N9BDL, Lee, up in Lake Tomahawk and KC9MX, Don, up in Eau Claire.

Once again WD9ESZ leads in the QNI column. Others with very good attendance are W9CBE, N9BDL, K9SAO, KC9CJ, KA9HPQ and KC9MX.

A big THANK YOU to the NCSs for getting their net reports in promptly.

W9LSR, Clay, our 9RN liaison station on Sunday nights is currently basking in the sun down in the Texas area. We are looking forward to your return in the near future.

Have you net members wondered how N9DIH manages to get such good ground wave coverage around Wisconsin? Your net manager was curious so took a ride past Steve's QTH and discovered that one end of his antenna comes down to a tent stake in his front yard. Now you know how it is done.

As for the Satellites, your net manager now has 36 states confirmed and 5 countries. Have recently worked W1BIH/PJ2, G3IOR and SM5BQQ. Also made contact with OK2BVT and UA0BBR. Have heard GW, F9, and EA3 stations. On Feb. 12th I managed to access the ROBOT of RS7 and received QSO #634 so now waiting

for the QSLs for both ROBOT contacts.

I would appreciate radiograms from you net members on your "HAM" activities so they could be reported to this bulletin.

73, Les, W9YCV WIN E- NM

A big "THANK YOU" to KC9CJ's (Dick Hugi) employer, INGERSOLL RAND, for printing of the WNA December meeting minutes. It was really a big help and very much appreciated.

Les, W9YCV WNA Sec'y

NWTN REPORT

34/94 1800 local time

Jim Caldwell, WB9YPY

Rhineland, Wis.

After two weeks of melting, the snow has returned and the flakes are about one inch square - spring has not yet made it!

Last quarter stats for NWTN

Dec. 484 stns 37 tfc 1167 min

Jan. 485 35 1206

Feb. 424 41 1058

We assume everyone got ham gear for Christmas and all repairs have now been made.

KB9GO John did not win the Birkebeiner race at cable, but he did finish. However, we send congrats to him and Melaine on the arrival of their daughter - Stephanie - their first girl but second child.

The HAM-SKI at KA9BHK & L's QTH was a big success - almost 2 dozen showed up. N9BDL, Lee, "trained" several in the use of snowshoes. KA9BHL, Mike, and K9RMN-XYL Barb actually learned the art of snowshoeing. Poor K9RMN spent all his time fixing son John's snowmobile and wiring

WA9GGH, Ludwig's mike.

The local Saturday HAM BREAKFAST has become quite an institution with anywhere from 10 to 30 showing up each Sat. morning.

N9BPM, Tony and XYL Lucille with KA9BHN Robin waited until February to head to Florida. We expect all the snow birds back before our next report.

WB9YPY, Pat, who usually writes this report, sends her thanks to all who sent cards, letters, good wishes and so forth. After her 4 hour operation and 15 days in the hospital, she is slowly gaining buy poor YPY does all the work now.

73 de WB9YPY
Net Manager, NWTN

BADGER WEATHER NET REPORT
3.984 kHz. 0600 local time
Jim Caldwell, WB9YPY, NM
Rhineland, Wis.

As the group most responsible for controlling the Wisconsin weather, the BWN has done a great job so far this year. No doubt a big storm is on the way.

Quarterly stats:

Dec. 1325	stn 1480	tfc 1838	min
Jan. 1311	1436	1764	
Feb. 1204	1318	1996	

On February first we changed our time span from 0615 to 0715 local to 0600 to 0715 local so we added 15 more minutes.

Conditions are starting to improve but February was so bad with QRM and QRN that we even ran the net without an NCS one day. Somehow we managed a net every day as scheduled.

During the bad times of QRM, WA9FMR Rube, WB9ULB Earl, and WD9IID Mac managed to hold our chosen frequency for up to an hour before net.

KB9GO - proud new father of Stephanie.

WB9JGA managed to eye-ball WD9BKT in Indiana.

K9JPS and N9BCX managed to take their winter vacations and get back home ok.

W9FDX has purchased a winter home in Florida but will be back north for the summer as usual.

The rest of our snow birds are starting north in a few weeks so we'll see them all again soon.

NCS substitutions, shifts, and part timers for absentees have kept the net at 100% during vacation periods.

73 de WB9YPY NM BWN

ARRL BULLETIN
NR 16 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON CT MARCH 2, 1983
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

AMTOR, a digital teleprinter operation that produces copy less prone to errors, is now permitted in the amateur hf bands from 3 to 30 MHz. The new rules became effective with their publication in the February 22 Federal Register, see page 7457. For a description this handshaking technique, see June 1981 QST AR

ed note: Also see March 1983 CQ page 58

THE FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO, INC., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C., plans to award ten (10) scholarships for the academic year 1983-1984. The Foundation, composed of fifty local area amateur radio clubs, fully funds two of these scholarships from the proceeds of the Gaithersburg (MD) Ham-

fest. It administers, without cost to the donors, two scholarships for the Quarter Century Wireless Association and one each for the Richard G. Chichester Memorial, the Radio Club of America, the Young Ladies' Relay League, the Edmund B. Redington Memorial, the Amateur Radio News Service and the Columbia (MD) Amateur Radio Association.

Licensed Radio Amateur may compete for one or more of these awards if they plan to pursue a full-time course of studies beyond high school and are enrolled or have been accepted for enrollment in an accredited university, college or technical school. Most of the scholarships require the applicant to hold at least an FCC General Class License or equivalent. The Scholarship awards range from \$300 to \$900 with preference given in some of them to residents of specified geographical areas or the pursuit of certain study programs.

Additional information and an application form can be requested by a letter or QSL/postcard, postmarked prior to May 31, 1983 from the scholarship committee chairman.

Hugh A. Turnbull, W3ABC
6903 Rhode Island Avenue
College Park, MD 20740

The FOUNDATION is devoted exclusively to promoting the interests of Amateur Radio and to the scientific, literary and educational pursuits that advance the purposes of the Amateur Radio Service. -30-

All Aboard the Midnight Special:

From Rich, K9GDF

What two-hour mini-contest has exciting variety, unusual starting times, and honest signal

reports? The ARRL Midnight Special is held about four times per year. The QST column "Contest Corral" gives the starting time, suggested frequencies & exchange requirements.

The latest two-hour Ham radio contest special was held on January 30, 1983. It began at 10 p.m. on 40 cw and then moved to 80 cw for the second hour. Exchange were an honest RST, as specified in the contest rules, and a three letter county.

Each Special has a new twist to the exchange. The August 1982 Special, for example, included an exchange of antenna types. N5JJ cw mobile used a "bug catcher", while others used "dip", "inv vee", "vert", "sloper", "delta loop", "zepp", "quad" and "beam", and that just on 80 meters.

On the other hand, the April 1982 Morning Special, the sequel to the Midnight Special, was more leisurely. The first hour was on 40 cw, next the entire contest stopped for a one-hour breakfast recess and then resumed at full speed to complete the second hour on 10 ssb. The exchange this time was telephone area code followed by transmitter model.

Rigs were mostly TS520, TS820 and Omni. Some equipment abbreviations were confusing to understand, such as CLINE, SLINE and HB3TUBE. Most of the Specials do not permit using amplifiers, which probably helps the fellow with the HB3TUBE.

The January 1982 two-hour Midnight Special divided time equally between 20 and 40 meters. Besides the honest signal report, the exchange also required the section in which the operator was first licensed. This put stations like W4YE in LAX, K1AR in NLI, N6RD from ENY and N6TR as VEB.

Each Special seems to be on a different set of bands, somewhere from 10 to 160 meters and might be cw, ssb or some of each. The score is simply equal to the total number QSOs with no multiplier. Some top operators score nearly 200 points for the two-hour event.

If you're bored with old fashioned contests you might get aboard one of the Midnight Specials, providing you don't mind excitement, variety and late hours. But after all, that's what makes them so Special.

It's important to check the rules as each is different. You make our own log but no dupe sheet is required. The score is the number of contact. Mail entries promptly to ARRL HQ and include an SASE for results. Top scores are listed in QST.

from FLARC President, K9BIL
Madison, Wis.

The Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club will have a representative of the Federal Communications Commission present a program at their meeting on May 17, 1983 at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be at the Security Savings and Loan across from West Towne (Gammon Rd.) in Madison.

Ms. Christine E. Jelinek of the FCC will be driving up from Chicago for the presentation. As everything may be breaking in May she will give a pretty good talk and will be open to all comments. The FLARC is inviting all interested amateurs to attend that night. It is doubtful that the FCC has attended many clubs so FLARC is hoping for a good turnout that evening.

73 Denny, K9BIL

p.s. I received my BYOA card.
k9bil

EIGHT FROM LATE (WIN-L)
3662 KHz. 2200 local time
Denny Rybicki, K9LGU
NM Late WIN

1. Check your net certificate. Is it current? Get it renewed
2. Zero beat the NCS. It helps in QRM and QRN.
3. Volunteer for NCS, 9RN, or SSB liaison. We need a Saturday NCS for late WIN.
4. Commend in public; correct in private. Give praise where it is deserved. Help others with positive correction and suggestions.
5. Maintain a good relationship with your EC. There are mutual benefits.
6. Encourage others to QNI. The NTS is like a tennis game. If you serve well, you will probably WIN.
7. Generate traffic. Teach a novice. Learn more theory. Practice CW. Ragchew. Chase DX. Make a friend.
8. Keep our purpose in mind. While the WNA continues to change, (It should. It's alive) let us remember why we are organized, why we devote our time and efforts to do a job well, why "amateur" radio operation sometimes must have an element of professionalism about it. Our job, by choice, is to get the message through.

Whether the WNA has a Constitution, net delegates, or quarterly meetings is not as important as our goal of service. True, it helps to be organized -- but, as we discuss our growth and organization, let's keep our purpose firmly in mind. It's what makes us an Association.

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Fred Laun's call on page one should be HK3HBB/K370.

Another Murphy's Law: Although copy is proof-read 10 times, errors will not be noticed until page has been irrevocably committed to print.

SLOW AND EASY ON 3645 KHz. 1830 local time
Dick Hugi, KC9CJ, WSSN Net Manager

The Wisconsin Slow Speed Net continues to prosper at its usual time and frequency. Traffic is picking up very nicely and it is being cleared for the most part. We do need more stations from more parts of the state to help clear it all. We do have a few new members that I would like to welcome to the net. Ralph, K9BED has been checking in from Milwaukee regularly, as has been Art, KA9KLZ in Cuba City and Adrian, KA9FVX in the Rhinelander area. Welcome to all.

We have added one new net control to our roster in the person of Rick, KA9IHR over in Onalaska just north of La Crosse and he has been doing a real fine job just like the rest of the NCS's. A net is only as good as its net controls and we have some of the best people.

I would like to encourage more stations in the state to check in and start to send and receive some traffic on the net. It is easy and everyone tries to help. We are considered a training net and do try to keep the speed down to around 13 W.P.M.

If your CW has gotten a little rusty and needs a little polishing this about as good a way as I can think of to get it back in shape. And please encourage the people that you meet on the air that have this complaint to join in and get it back to normal. A big vote of thanks to three of the stations that have checked in more than 75% of the nets: Dale, WD9ESZ, Ralph, K9BED and Lee, N9BDL.

Stats for those interested:
Checkins 624
Traffic offered 174
Traffic cleared 141
Total time 2129 minutes

Best of 73 until next time.
Dick, KC9CJ, NM WSSN

ARRL BULLETIN NR 22
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON CT. MARCH 18, 1983

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

The FCC released an Order on March 18 granting ARRLs request to extend the comment deadline on FCCs no code license proposal, P. R. Docket no. 83 28. New comment deadline is June 28, 1983 with reply comments due by July 28, 1983 AR

If you actually look like your passport photo, you're not well enough to travel.

It is well to let a little sunshine out as well as in.

We wish to welcome the members of the Wisconsin Nets Association (WNA) to this issue of Badger State Smoke Signals. We hope that you will enjoy this publication as you have the past WNA bulletins. We will be carrying information from Section officials and from the WNA nets in each issue as well as general interest items and local club news.

Personal want-ads are available at 50 cents per line. Send personal ads to K9ZZ. Commercial advertising is also available. Let K9EN know what your needs are and we will give you a quote.

Smoke Signals would welcome news of your local club. If you would like to have a monthly section for your club or group, please contact K9EN for information on club rates. We would be happy to be your official club journal and provide your meeting notices to your members.

If you are are having a Swapfest or Hamfest and would like to have your flyers included with Smoke Signals we would be happy to do so for you. Please contact K9EN for information and the quantity of flyers that you will have to supply.

Badger State Smoke Signals will be mailed near the end of each month as it has been for the past 13 years.

The print run for this issue will be 550 with 400 mailed to amateurs throughout the state, with most of the balance for distribution at hamfests.

With this issue of Smoke Signals we are trying a different method of preparation. The editing for most of the pages was done with "Word Star" and the spelling checked with a spell program (it really had fun with all the Q signals and call signs HI!!). The stencils were made on an Epson MX-80 printer using A.B. Dick 2060 stencils (a special low pressure electronic typewriter stencil).

Page one is in a 3 column format with 16.5 characters per inch and 8 lines per inch. Pages 2 through 10 were done in normal 10 characters per inch and 6 lines per inch. Pages 11 and 12 are in two column with 16.5 c.p.i. and 7 lines per inch. Pages 14 through 15 are with a regular typewriter (the same one that has done Smoke Signals and the WNA Bulletin in the past) using "elite" type (12 characters per inch). If you have a preference for either type please let us know.

We hope that you have enjoyed this issue of Smoke Signals and will want to receive a monthly bulletin with information of interest to Badger Staters. For your convenience a subscription blank is included on the back of the mailing cover.

The scheduled date of mailing (and we usually make it on time) is on the mailing cover. If you do not receive it within 10 days (a week for Madison sectional 53500-53999) of mailing please let K9EN know the date of receipt. Also, let K9EN know if there should be any corrections that should be made to the mailing label.

The human brain is a wonderful thing. It starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to make a speech.

Those people who have no trouble separating the men from the boys are called women.

FROM THE ARRL LETTER
March 17, 1983

"What's this I hear about FCC giving back a license to an amateur who used foul language on the air?" Senator Goldwater asked FCC Chairman Fowler at a March 2 Subcommittee on Communication hearing. Fowler answered that it was a Review Board decision and that the Review board was independent of the FCC. Its decisions, however, are subject to review, Fowler noted. After consultation among staff members, he announced that the Private Radio Bureau had asked the Commission to review the Hildebrand case and that the FCC would indeed review the case.

Goldwater also pressed Fowler as to what the FCC had done with the authority over RFI granted it by Public Law 97-259. Fowler said the very fact that it had passed has focused the attention of industry on RFI and made them more sensitive. FCC is encouraging formulation and implementation of voluntary standards. FCC is surveying consumers, checking TV sets in its labs and working with industry. He went on to note that if voluntary standards failed, FCC was prepared to use the authority granted in PL 97-259.

Although a couple of other Senators were present for some of the meeting, Senator Goldwater dominated the questioning. His questions demonstrated wide ranging interests in all facets of communications. During this discussion, Chairman Fowler mentioned he had listened to amateurs on his hf receiver and they sounded like Donald Duck. "You'll get used to it," K7UGA replied.

Arthur Godfrey, KALIB, died March 16 in Mt. Sinai Hospital in NYC following a lengthy illness. Godfrey, a popular radio and TV personality in the '50s and '60s, appeared in ARRL movies promoting Amateur Radio.

On the evening of March 3, ARRL President Vic Clark, W4KFC, presened a two-way discussion on "The Future of Amateur Radio" via the Teleconference Radio Net (Vol. 2, No. 2). Sixty-six repeaters in thirty-six states carried the president's message to an audience of over 75,000. This is the largest group of amateurs ever involved in a QSO.

Clark divided his talk into three parts: 1) Institutions of Amateur Radio, 2) regulations, and 3) technology.

If your repeater organization is interested in participating in future Teleconference Nets, contact Rick Whiting, W0TN.

note: This conference was carried on Wisconsin repeaters in Milwaukee and Madison. The problems which occurred on the Madison repeater will be corrected in time for the next conference.

Last call sign assigned by FCC as of March 17

group A: KU9D
group B: KC9YK
group C: N9DUK
group D: KA9PDZ

FROM WESTLINK REPORTS

THREE \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS are being sponsored by the the Atlanta Radio Club to high school seniors who graduate in 1983. Applicants must be licesed Amateurs who will be entering an accredited college or univesity this fall. Each of the scholarships will be awarded on the dual basis of scholastic achievement and outstanding effort as an Amateur radio operator. For applications, write: Phil Latta, W4TGS, Atlanta Radio Club Scholarship Committee, 259 Weatherstone Pky., Marietta, GA 30067.

THE ARRL APPEARS TO BE "STICKING TO ITS GUNS" regarding the No Code issue. The latest edition of its public relations publication Amateurradio contains a well-written item discussing the reasons why most Hams oppose No Code. The article emphasizes the idea that the Morse code proficiency test is a "price to be paid for admission" to our hobby/service and that it is one test that can't be passed by a memorizing book. Tnx The DX Bulletin.

THE C.B. BANDITS are coming out of the woodwork to comment on "No Code." Westlink has received copies of a number of formal responses filed with the FCC from "clandestine 10 1/2 meter pseudo-C.B. groups" all of which favor a No Code Technician Class license, but with "worldwide high frequency operating privileges" included.

AFTER A 2 1/2 MONTH DELAY, I looks like the Space Shuttle Challenger will fly April 4th. Late word from N.A.S.A. is that the problem-plagued orbiter is just about ready to enter service, with its first mission being to place one of two "Telemetry Data Relay Satellites" into Earth orbit. The T.D.R.S.'s will be used by the Spacelab/STS-9 mission which will also carry Astronaut Dr. Owen Garriott, W5LFL, and maybe a two meter Amateur station as well. Only a final buy-off from the European Space Agency is needed to make W5LFL the first Ham to operate from space.

ANSAT AND THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY are expecting a smooth, trouble-free launch of the Arienne L-6 booster sometime between May 20th and the 27th. The formal E.S.A. investigation of the L-5 failure confirmed earlier suspicions and remedies have been taken to insure, as best as possible, that a similar failure will not occur during the L-6 launch. If all goes as we pray, Arienne L-6 will place the Phase 3-B satellite into an elliptical orbit that will cover the Northern Hemisphere for several hours a day. The uplink will be in the 435 MHz range and the down link will be on two meters. Other transponders will be included as well. Tnx ANSAT-UK and the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation.

Heaven sakes

A minister making a house call was sitting in the living room when in rushed the small son of his hostess, carrying a dead rat.

"Don't worry, Mom, it's dead," the youngster assured her. "we bashed him and beat him until..." Noticing the minister for the first time, the boy added in a lowered voice, "Until God called him home."

-- Spring Vally Sun

The next couple pages were set with a human word processor and a mechanical printer - a typewriter.

The Following Letter was received from Woody Minar, K9EF/ET in January. My apologies for running it so late. He does indeed have some things to say! k9zz

20 December, 1982

...I have two things to bring up and neither of which I haven't given much thought on other than my feelings, beliefs and gut feelings.

First, I find the short manuscripts of Fred Laun of interest because I understand the problems, frustrations, and happenings of foreign clubs overseas. While in Guyana I discussed the ideas of club formations with some of the more active Hams (All 4 of them.) They told me that they (the local Hams) were content with being individualized.

A couple of the Hams there use their Amateur Radio equipment to discuss business with their associates in the surrounding countries, i.e. Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela, etc. We American Hams (WB4LRB and myself) found this practice to be totally against our grain. Thus, we had no time for these "Amateurs"; besides, their personalities were such that none of the other local Hams had anything to do with them.

Anyway, the late Ivan Gouveia, 8RLAG, the country's QSL manager, tried to focus these Hams' attention on the benefits of club organization. I believe one club meeting was held, then they all QSY'd home for they wanted no part of it.

Ivan could foresee the future whereas the others could not. To be in Guyana, you have to put yourself back in the 1930s or earlier in the U.S. It was like a time capsule where these people like Ivan could see what they have to operate with (WW II equipment) and they could see the equipment that was on the open market.

In order to get most of the equipment, they had to but it from the American Hams that were posted in Guyana. The most the

Guyanese can import in one year is U.S. \$50.00. We know how much \$50.00 buys! But the money isn't all of it. Because Guyana is a Socialist country, the mail and imports are either censored, read or stolen. One cannot help but to feel sorry for these people.

Now, if we take a look at the Hams in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (where I operated as K9EF/HI8 for a month), they have a lot going for them. Most of the Hams have up-to-date equipment. I had met Louis Camacho, HI8LC, a few years prior to going to Santo Domingo. When I got there, Louis took me under his arm and into his home to show me his shack and his beautiful family. Louis spoke excellent English - of course, he was a telephone engineer working at the American Embassy.

Louis took me to several club meetings. They had a beautiful building that they used for meetings and a small up-to-date station in a room off the main "rotunda". The club members were busy talking about building new things, contests - yes, they were very active in contests.

They had rivals in the other call districts and they tried to top each other in all the contests. There seemed to be no bickering - but then to the casual observer whose Spanish was limited to "restaurant and bar Spanish", he wouldn't see that. Louis was proud of their club though, and from what I saw, rightfully so.

Here I am in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - another Communist country. The day before we packed out, I received a letter from the ARRL advising that there was no reciprocal operating privileges with the Ethiopian Government. In fact, the ARRL said that there were NO call signs in the call sign book. Boy, was my heart broken.

I had visions of being a grand old DXer from the east - and at an altitude of 8,400 feet - my words!

Anyway, radios are a no-no in this country. We have to be very careful with the walkie-talkies we carry to keep in touch with the Embassy after hours. It would

not be uncommon to be arrested for carrying a radio. And, if you're a photography nut, beware! Take a picture of someone or something and the next thing you know you're in the slammer and your camera is someone else's reward.

The second item I want to discuss is the no-code Amateur license. This subject turns my stomach every time I read about it. It's not so much the people who use code who talk about the pros and cons of no-code, but it's the people who don't use code.

An article to the editor written by a chap appeared in the December issue of QST. He talked about no-code, he was totally for no-code, could not understand why we still use the antiquated system, etc.

His statements were strictly his opinion, which he's entitled to just like I'm expressing here, but some of his statements were unfounded. The military gave up the code because of the increased use of TTY. They soon found out that some code was and is still necessary because the TTY circuit still is prone to failing.

My word, can you imagine if we did away with code? It is still the most reliable means of communications and sometimes the fastest means known to mankind. When your satellite goes down, you're in deep doo-doo if you can't bring up CW - how else can you communicate?

Jumping to the next finger on the hand, we must not fall into the trap that no-code is good for Amateur Radio. I don't believe that in a minute. People are too damn lazy to take the test or learn the code. Americans are getting too soft in the brain and too hard on their buttocks; they don't want to work for anything anymore.

We must have code as a requirement to keep the riff-raff out. Doing away with the code could be compared to the tests in the schools nowadays. Too many people, they found, could not pass college entrance exams upon graduation from high school. So, what do they do? They lower the entrance exam scores and make the tests easier. Sure, now the statistics show that the students are scoring higher

on the exams. Well, the same is true about Amateur Radio.

The tests for Amateur Radio are becoming a joke. The tests are going to be, and already are, known to everyone. People are making money from all this. Then, why have a test at all? You study the questions and answers and when you see them on the FCC exam, it's a knee-jerk reaction and not a "I know the reason for that answer" reaction. Our tests have got to be harder and more applicable to basic Amateur electronics.

I want to jump on my bandwagon and knock the FCC but I'll try my hardest to withhold slandering remarks about them. They have been bungling their job and fumbling around ever since they had to do away with charging fees for exams. They've bungled the commercial services, as well, but, let's not get into that.

The callsign assignments are an atrocity. You talk to a "6" and who knows where he is - probably your neighbor, not someone from California anymore.

Now the FCC wants to recruit examiners from clubs, etc. They want to have an examination rota of five exams from which to choose and they mix up the exams monthly. (Ed. note-that has been changed somewhat.zz)

That doesn't solve anything except make the dishonest editors of these books richer by publishing bigger "cheat-sheets."

We've got to get a handle on this before Amateur Radio goes right down the drain. I fear the day will come, probably within the next ten years, that Amateur Radio will end up just like CB radio. The handwriting is on the wall and becomes clearer everytime the FCC relaxes the rules. The day it becomes CB is the day that I sell my gear and take up embroidering or some other exciting hobby!

...Amateur Radio has been very good to me. I've met some very fine people around the world. In fact, without Amateur Radio, I probably would not be a Telecommunications Officer at this

Embassy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and enjoying the work as much as I do. I do not stand alone among the ranks of people with similar adventures in life. But, I love the hobby, it's got potential, it's got a purpose, but I'm afraid while it's at the mercy of the FCC, we're all in for a big surprise.

The FCC blames budgetary problems. I wholeheartedly agree on that (having worked with a Federal budget) but they can certainly cut down on expenses and be as effective as they once were even 10 short years ago. Look at how they operate at their field offices and look at the changes they've made. Even to the layman, changes could be made.

73, Jim, and keep the paper going and the news flowing. Greetings from the land of "13 months of sunshine" - Ethiopia - it's a beautiful country.

73, Woody, K9EF

Thanx to Woody for his comments, to which we all must listen. As you saw earlier this issue, comment deadline on no-code has been extended. File your original & 7 or so copies to FCC, Washington, D.C. 20554. Also, please send a copy to ARRL. I don't know if no-code can be stopped; perhaps it can't, as FCC advocates such a license...but we have to try. No emotion; just logic in your comments.

Woody, please write again; like your letters and I need your address (It's stuffed in K9EN's compooter. TNX...zz)

FCC TO ALLOW HAMS TO SELL ADS: From GEAR-VAKf, Winter 1982-83. Loof Lirpa...

In a move to alleviate the effects of the latest round of budget cuts, the FCC has told highly-placed members of the Amateur Radio Community that it will authorize Hams to sell advertising on their QSOs in the Ham bands.

Proceeds from the sales will be turned in to the FCC and used by the Commission to help pay salaries, police the airwaves, etc.

Hams would not be allowed to keep the revenues from their ads, an FCC spokesman said.

said. According to FCC informant, Spiff Jivvetts, "The Commission intends to control the number of 'spot Announcements' that a Ham station can sell during a QSO, so there won't be the kind of commercial pollution you see in commercial broadcast radio."

He went on to explain that ads on the Ham bands would be limited to no more than five minutes every half hour. The new policy is expected to go into effect in July 1983.

Before long we can expect to hear more and more QSOs like this: "Thanks, OM for the call, but before I fill you in on the QTH, and the RST, lets take time out for a word from Little Crusties, the ham-flavored breakfast cereal for real Hams."

Late word in from the GEARVAKf newsroom says that the League of Radio Relaying Americans has volunteered to act as an agency for all Hams in the placement of advertising on their stations.

(Loof Lirpa)

Your News of Badger State Amateurs and their activities will be most welcome.. send to Jim Romelfanger, K9ZZ, 1414 Martiny Ct. #6, Baraboo WI 53913. Ads are 50¢ a line.

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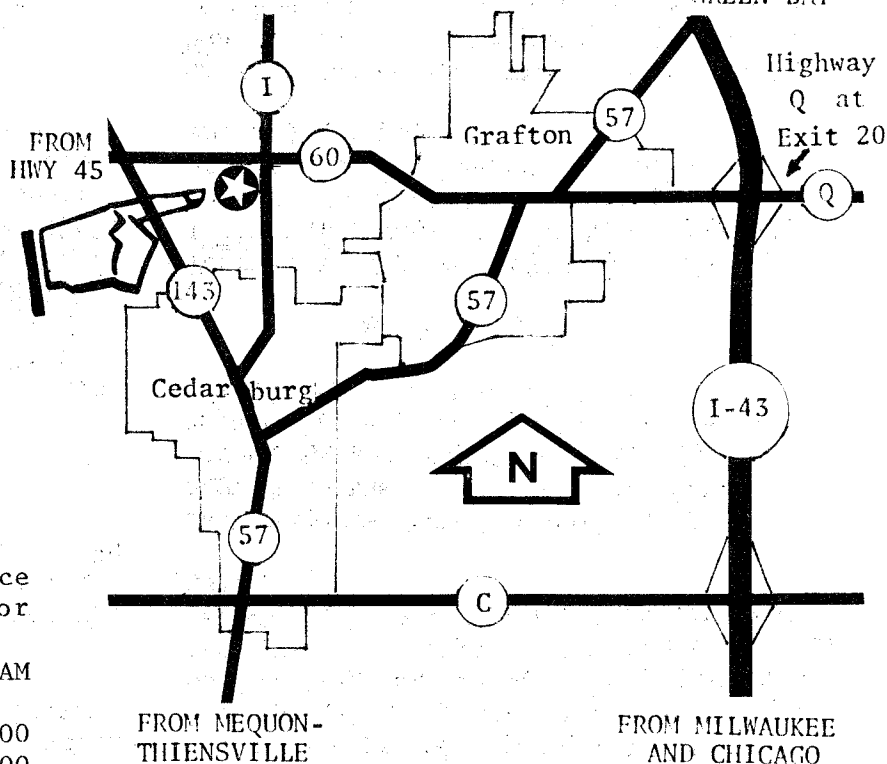
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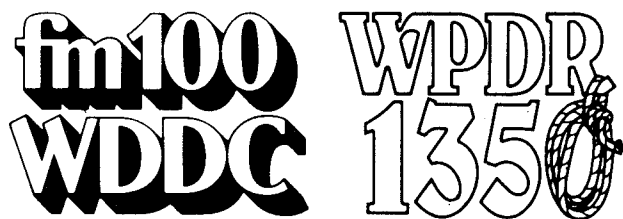
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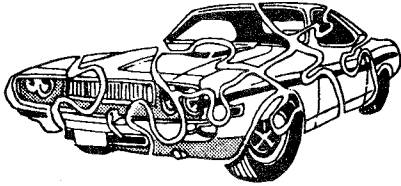


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